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ORATORICAL CONTEST PLANS COMPLETED

The St. Basil's Literary Society announced early this week that it has completed plans for its annual Oratorical contest. Mr. George BeGole, President of the Society, after meeting with the executive council stated that the Society was exerting every effort to make the contest one of the most outstanding events of the scholastic year.

At the present time it looks like a wide-open contest. The winners of the last two years will not participate, and the rest of the field is closely bunched. On hand will be Gordon Jach, Joe Steffani, Gene Durocher, and Dan Kane, who will no doubt direct their appeal to the judges through subjects of world appeal, e.g., labour, politics, etc. On the lighter side we look to the talents of Bob Lewis, Yum BeGole, and Dick Reidy to add a humorous touch to the program.

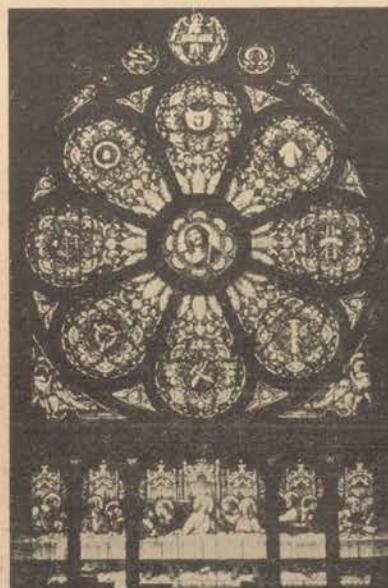
It was also brought out at the meeting that several dignitaries were expected to attend, either in the capacity of judges or as spectators. Word has also been received that the local newspapers will have their representatives on the scene.

Tentative plans have set the date of the preliminaries for the week of April 7th, with the finals following soon afterwards.

DATE SET FOR ARTS BANQUET

On April 22, at the Prince Edward Hotel, Assumption College will hold its annual Arts banquet. During the course of the banquet the new officers of the Students' Council will be presented.

The officials of the Students' Council have announced that a new policy is to be adopted this year. To each student whose Students' Council fees have been paid in full a ticket will be given. This ticket will be collected at the door of the Banquet Hall and any student not possessing such a ticket will not be admitted. So sometime before the 22nd check and make sure that your Council fees have been paid as we want all students to be present.



THE LAST SUPPER

MME. SIGRID UNSET RECEIVES FIRST AWARD

On Wednesday, February 19, at the Vanity Theatre, Madam Sigrid Undset, Norwegian authoress and Nobel prize winner, was the recipient of the first award of Assumption College's Christian Culture Series. This award, which it to be an annual one, is the direct outgrowth of the Culture Series that has proved so successful under the capable tutelage of its director and founder Rev. J. S. Murphy, C.S.B. The purpose of the award is to convey in a tangible manner, Assumption's recognition of the efforts of some lay-exponent in the field of Christian cultural endeavour.

Madam Undset, appearing very much like one of the heroic Norwegian women that she writes of in her novels, was presented with the award by Rev. V. J. Guinan, C.S.B., President of Assumption College. The award which is in the form of a handsome gold medal was designed by two outstanding American artists, A. De Bethune and Graham

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J-HOP TO BE HELD AT PRINCE EDWARD

The annual J-Hop of Assumption College will be held this year on May 2 in the ballroom of Windsor's Prince Edward Hotel. The music for the event will be supplied by Tom Crowley and his orchestra. Dancing will begin at 9:30 and will continue on until 1:30. The dance will be semi-formal and the price of admission will be \$2.00 per couple.

Mr. LeRoy Delmore, President of the Junior Class and chairman of the J-Hop, is now selecting a committee of active men to aid him in making this dance one of the most successful in the history of Assumption. This committee will be announced within the next few days. Contacts are being made with the Colleges of Detroit and we trust that many of our American friends will attend.

Since this is the last dance of the school year the student body is asked to turn out for this dance *en masse* (which doesn't mean «in a mess»). Let's make the J-Hop even more successful than the Senior Prom. You can do it. So mark it down in your date book. The place, the Prince Edward—the date, May 2—the time, 9:30 to 1:30. We'll be seeing you.

Ambassador To Appear May 9

The Ambassador of 1941, yearbook of Assumption College, will be distributed to the students of the College on Friday, May 9th, it was announced by the editor. This year, the Ambassador has a light blue fabrikoid cover stamped in gold leaf and that colour scheme is carried through-out. The book again follows the modernistic motif in design and rumour has it that the 1941 edition far surpasses the «super-colossal anniversary offering» of last year. There are nine sections in the book one of which gives a complete pictorial history of the farfamed Christian Culture Series. Fifteen pages of candid camera shots are a new innovation this year as well as a series of selected articles and editorials. To outsiders The Ambassador retails at the sum of five dollars the copy. Assumption students receive it for two dollars which is covered by registration fees.

Play To Be Staged After Easter

The Assumption College Dramatic Society, as was previously announced, is this year presenting that Broadway success of some years past, «Front Page». The play which was to have been staged before Christmas, was, due to circumstances beyond control, postponed until after Lent. Production is now being continued and a tentative date has been set. April 23 and 24.

There is no reason why this play should not rival and even surpass the successes of former years such as Brother Orchid and Journey's End. Many a Hollywood star used it as a stepping stone to success. Pat O'Brien and Adolphe Menjou are two of the most notable. Last year it was produced in Hollywood and in the imitable style of the film capital the leading male role was re-written for feminine star, Rosalind Russell, then released under the title «His Girl Friday». But due to previous film commitments Miss Russell will be unable to appear with us this season. Hence we have had to revert to the original script of «Front Page».

The play is one of those fast-moving stories interspersed with plenty of laughs. The action is set in the Press Room of the Criminal Courts Building in Chicago where one Earl Williams is about to be hanged for murder. But far be it from us to give away the plot of the play. Wait until April 23 to see it yourselves. You'll really enjoy it.

1941 SENIOR PROM A GREAT SUCCESS

On Friday, February 14, the Senior Prom of Assumption College was held in the ballroom of the Prince Edward Hotel. Judging from the comments of those present and from the satisfied smiles of the financial committee this was one of the most successful dances ever staged by the students of Assumption. The large crowd, completely filling the ballroom, danced to the music of Tom Crowley and his orchestra. The room was decorated in shades of blue, white and gold, with a large silhouette of a graduate's head, in gold, forming the central motif. Bob Handy and Walt Nichols were in charge of the decorating, ably assisted by Tom Barrett, Sig Haremki, Dan Kane and Dominic O'Neill.

The General Convener of the dance was Bob Engel. Max Mousseau was in charge of the patrons and Bob Neal handled the tickets. Others who helped to make the dance the success that it was were Paul Barrett, Chuck and Jack Hathaway, Jerry Koerber, Tim Kuhu, Berny Kemko, Bob Long, and Phil Spahn. During the course of the evening the members of the graduating class were introduced. Following this a grand march was held and then dancing was resumed.



The Reverend Edward G. Lee, C.S.B., B.A., Professor of History in Assumption College was chosen chairman of the Windsor Public Library Board at the annual meeting in February. He has been a member of the library board for the past five years and this is the first time that a priest has been made the chairman. Father Lee is also head librarian in this college.

Redecoration of Chapel Completed

With the completion of the work upon the main altar the redecoration of the College chapel, started last November, has been finished. The chapel has been painted in shades of raw and burnt umber. Liturgical designs have been sketched upon the wall above and beside the five altars. This was completed some months ago. But for the past two months the focal point of the whole chapel—the main altar—has remained coldly bare and austere awaiting the finishing touches. These were applied in time for the opening of the Forty Hours on Sunday, March 2.

Following the trend of modern liturgical architecture, which tends toward beauty in simplicity, Assumption College has seen fit to make of its main altar a rubrical gem. The rather ornate reredos which has backed the altar for many years has been removed. In its place there is now a beautiful baldaquin or canopy. The frame of the baldaquin is of wrought-iron, richly ornamented with beaten brass. The top of the frame which extends out over the altar is hung with a valance of brilliant red velour lined with gold satin and embellished with golden braid. The dossier or backdrop behind the altar is of the same rich-looking material. Suspended against this backdrop is a huge oaken crucifix with a silver figure and silver mountings. A series of spot-lights hidden behind the valance, when lit, bring out all the lustrous beauty and richness of this setting, making it indeed a fit-resting place for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Student's Council Holds Tea Dance

On Shrove Tuesday, commonly called *Mardi Gras* (translated this means Fat Tuesday). Why they call it 'fat' is beyond us. Perhaps it is that it is the last day that we can put on any fat, for with the beginning of Lent we prepare ourselves for a long, lean period—a period in which our waistlines will begin to decrease considerably), the Students' Council celebrated the last day of the Pre-Lenten season with a tea-dance held at Holy Names School on Campbell Avenue. The girls from Holy Names College supplied the refreshments and the boys from Assumption paid the admission price of twenty cents per couple. A staggering sum isn't it?

Sig Haremki and Max Mousseau were in charge of the event, but there wasn't much charging to do. The Assumption lads were quite capable of taking care of themselves. They lost no time in making themselves quite at home. This was noticed particularly when it came time to serve refreshments. We not only made ourselves at home. We actually acted as if we were at home. None of the restraint that is usually evidenced at a public gathering could be noticed. The food *really* disappeared. But it was all in fun and everybody had a swell time. We sincerely extend our thanks to the Holy Names girls for helping to make this last dance before Lent the success that it was. We are anxiously looking forward to the end of the Lenten season when it may again be possible to have another such evening.

B. V. M. Sodality Invests New Members

On Sunday evening, February 2, 1941, the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary held its annual induction of new members. Ever since the formation of this society at Assumption it has been the custom to conduct the reception of the new candidates on the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. But this year due to the fact that the chapel was in the process of being renovated, it was seen fit to postpone the ceremony until the feast of the Purification of Our Blessed Lady.

This year we were fortunate in having Father O'Rourke of Detroit as guest speaker. He came at the invitation of Father McCorkell, Director of the Sodality. During the course of the ceremony the new medal, chosen by the executive of the society, was presented to each member, both new and old. These medals were selected with a two-fold purpose in view: first, to select a medal that expressed the ideal and the spirit of the group; secondly, to select a medal that would have attached to it ribbons bearing the College colours, purple and white, thereby making the tie between the Sodality and the School a tangible thing.

No Victory Song Because of Radio War

On January 17, 1941, Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians were to have presented over their regular coast-to-coast N.B.C. hook-up a new victory song for Assumption College. As most of us are aware, every Friday evening the popular American band leader featured one of his own compositions which was written exclusively for some college or university in the United States. Each Friday a different college was honoured and on January 17 it was to have been Assumption's turn.

Assumption College would have been the first Canadian college to be singled out by the maestro of «Pleasure Time». When we wrote Mr. Waring last year asking him to write us a song we mentioned that fact. We soon received word from Fred stating that he would be very pleased to compose a song for us but due to the fact that Assumption was a Canadian college and hence not a market for Chesterfield cigarettes it would be quite impossible. But Assumption, situated right on the border of the two countries, is unlike most Canadian colleges in the fact that a very large percentage of the student body is American. A letter to this effect was sent to Mr. Waring stating that the majority of students did smoke Chesterfields and in no time we proved it to him. All the empty cigarette packs and tins were saved, collected, and sent *en masse* to the Chesterfield people. This seemed to satisfy Mr. Waring's sponsors and soon we received a letter from him stating that his schedule was filled for some time to come but that the earliest possible moment Assumption would have its song.

January 17 was finally agreed upon as the big day. But our hopes were short-lived. On January 1, due to the fact that the radio networks had not renewed their contracts with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, all creations licensed through that company were banned from the air. Since Mr. Waring and his co-writers Tom Waring and Pat Ballard were active members of ASCAP all their creative works, even prior to December 31, 1940, cannot be played over the air waves. Their hands are tied. Hence Assumption is without its victory song and some fifty-odd colleges and universities throughout the United States are unable to air theirs. Let us hope that the differences between ASCAP and the broadcasting companies may soon be settled and that in the very near future Assumption may have a new college song.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

On Sunday, March 2, the Forty Hours Devotion began in the college chapel. It commenced with a solemn high Mass. This was followed by a procession through the chapel and the chanting of the Litany of the Saints. The Blessed Sacrament was then exposed until Tuesday evening, when with solemn benediction the service was concluded.

The Honour Roll

The authorities of the College have compiled this list of former faculty members and students of Assumption College who are now with His Majesty's Forces either here or abroad. The list is not complete as it might be due to the fact that many of the Alumni are now out of touch with their Alma Mater. Any additions or corrections to this Honour Roll would be greatly appreciated.

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY

Capt. Rev. M. Dalton; Capt. Rev. P. Donovan; Capt. Rev. C. McNabb; Capt. Rev. J. Steele; Capt. F. Payne; Lieutenants L. J. Deziel, J. R. Turnbull, Ken MacIntyre, John Brick, Ted DeMuy, Brian Wilson, Ted Reynolds, V. Westfall, R. A. Patterson, Stewart Bull; Sgt. Michael Heffernan, Sgt. McLean; Pte. Oswald Bondy, Pat Clark, Ray Conn, Serge Danis, James Farron, Leo Gignac, Alex Megg, Thomas Mogg, Charles Montrouillet, Rene Petrimoulx, Jos. Pineau, Albert Robinet, Remi Robinet, Alex Watson, Wm. Weeks, Chas. Weston, Gordon Wilkinson, W. B. Forbes, Robert Henderson, Thos. Latham, Jack Lovell; Sigm. Alex. DesRosiers, Wm. Jarvis, James Ouellette.

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Stoker Alex McDonald (killed in action aboard the «Jervis Bay»), Raymond Béginneul, James Holden, Carlton Jacques, Wilfred Leblanc, G. Reaume, James Sennet, John Sennet, Jack Stephenson.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Flight Lieutenant the Rev. Stanley M. Lynch, C.S.B.; John Alexander, Allan Arthur, Ulysse Bezaire, Giles Bison, Cyril Brennan, Francis Brian, Mac Brian, Dan Callaghan, Gerald Clarke, Thomas DeCourcey, Charles DesRosiers, Sully Dunn, Francis Farron, Ed. Girardot, Buster Harwood, Stan Kalakowski, Cliff Ladouceur, Edgar Lassaline, Charles Malone, James McKinley, Vincent McKinley, Neil Parent, John Pleasance, Clarence Reaume Wm. Richardson (of P. & W. Staff), Pete Robertson, Ernest Smithson, Cameron Thompson, Henry Trombley, William Valkenier, Oswald Wasman, James Cavanaugh (killed in an accident in England.)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MISSION SOCIETY FUNCTIONS AGAIN

On Saturday, March 22 a meeting was held for the purpose of reviving the Mission Society which, due to lack of interest, had lapsed into oblivion. By unanimous choice of all those present, the following executive was elected; President, R. D. Farrell, Vice-President, T. M. Barrett; Secretary, R. J. Handy; Treasurer, P. E. Barrett.

For the remainder of the term the Mission Society will function as a discussion group. Meetings will be held regularly. Since the purpose of the Society is not pecuniary gain, a reason which often causes people to shy away from such societies, it is hoped that many of the College students will attend the meetings. The poor souls in darkest Africa need our prayers far more than they need our money. The principal idea is to pray that these souls will be brought to God and that our missionaries will be blessed a hundredfold in their heroic labours.

Of course financial aid is necessary. What in our modern world does not need financial resources? But aid to the missions must be voluntary and the individual must not be coerced into giving. In accordance with this idea mission boxes have been installed on each flat where the students can drop in their spare pennies.

The true missionary zeal lies in our desire to cultivate a deep appreciation of the work that is being done in the foreign missions and to pray often for the furtherance of this movement in order that the teachings of Christ may be spread far and wide.

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If the students would like to see the paper appear more often here is a golden opportunity. If a few of the more vociferous individuals would spend a little less time airing their grievances to us and use a little of their seemingly endless line of chatter upon the merchants of Windsor and Detroit we might have a paper more often. If they could speak as eloquently in a business office as they do on a soap box the merchants would gladly give them an ad, even if only to get rid of them.

So if our critical FRIENDS would bear in mind the difficulties that confront us and instead of acting like a bunch of fifth columnists, loosing a flood of destructive criticism, let them try and help us, firstly, doing all they can to co-operate with us by their contributions to the paper and, secondly, seeing to it that their fellow-students contribute. And if they must criticize let it be constructive criticism. We realize that we are not perfect. We are bound to make mistakes and we will be glad to correct them. But this can only be done with the support of all the students.

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Medical Society Formed

This year there was inaugurated at Assumption College a new society known as the St. Luke's Medical society. The Society, devoted to the advancement of knowledge in those sciences relating to the field of medicine, has as its objective the giving to those students who intend entering the medical profession an insight into the arts and sciences which will be of greatest assistance to them in their chosen endeavours.

Although the society is still in its infancy, it already boasts of a splendid medical library of one hundred and fifteen volumes. This was a gift of the late Dr. A. F. Amyot. There is also a remarkable array of surgical therapeutic, and physiological equipment.

Emphasis is placed upon personal endeavour in conducting the lectures and clinics and the work of the members is encouraged from time to time by the sound advice of guest lecturers of the medical profession.

At the first meeting of this society which is dedicated to St. Luke, the first Christian doctor and the patron saint of medical men, the following executive was chosen: President, Philip Spahn; Secretary-Treasurer, Gordon Elder; Chairman, Francis Langan. Mr. Megan, C.S.B., is faculty advisor.

MME SIGRID UNDSET

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Carey. Previous to the presentation, Father Murphy read scores of congratulatory messages including ones from the Premier of Ontario and the Governor of Michigan.

Upon receiving the award Madam Undset delivered her long-awaited speech which was carried over a coast-to-coast hook-up of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Canada, and of the Mutual Broadcasting Company in the United States. The topic of the address was «The Core of Christian Culture». In it Sigrid Undset stated that the fundamental horror of the present conflict is the tremendous power of lies—lies which the men, who feel themselves called to be the leaders of their people, have chosen as their chief weapon. It is the ambition of these leaders to establish a new world order based on these lies. Madam Undset cautioned the forces of Christian Culture against underestimating the power of this force of Evil. She warned against the fond hope that evil can be stamped out of the world in one crushing advance. Men and women will have to make war forever against evil, against the temptations in their own souls, to sins of deceit, pride and greed, as well as against the oppression that the weak and innocent must suffer from the hands of all who yield to the temptations of Evil. In this war mankind will win victories and make conquests, and it will suffer losses and defeats, but the war will go on until the day of judgement.

Following the reception at the Vanity Theatre Madam Undset was guest of honour at a luncheon held in the Prince Edward Hotel, at which were present notables from the business and professional circles of Windsor and Detroit.

SODALITY FLAG DEDICATED

The new flag which was dedicated at a meeting of the Blessed Virgin Sodality on March 25 is made of rayon in blue and white, the liturgical colours which tradition has assigned to the Blessed Virgin.

Prominently displayed on the flag are the name of the College and the monogram of the Sodality, consisting of a triangle or wedge, a crown, and a sword done in red plush. The triangle, as such, represents the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost in their ineffable union of the Godhead, the model and symbol of the cooperative spirit which should characterize the activities of the sodalists. Considered as a wedge, which is the strongest and most aggressive formation of an athletic team or an army, it represents the purpose of the sodality to pierce by united effort the ranks of the army of evil and destroy it.

The crown and the sword have reference both to Our Lady and to Our Divine Lord. The crown, first of all, shows that Mary is the Queen of Heaven, Mistress of Earth, and Queen of the Sodality, crowned by the hands of her Son and the willing homage of sodalists throughout the world. The sword recalls the words of Simeon, "And thy own soul a sword shall pierce," and reminds us that it was at the time that the heart of Jesus was pierced with a lance that Mary became our mother. The crown secondly, represents Christ, Our King, the source of all authority, and the sword reminds sodalists that Christ came to bring not peace but the sword."

The crown and the sword have still further significance. The crown represents personal holiness, which sodalists must always consider as their chief aim. The virtues of faith and purity are particularly stressed. The former virtue is signified by the fact that the crown encircles the triangle, thus embracing the Trinity, the chief object of our faith, and the latter virtue is signified by the lilies which on account of their whiteness symbolize purity. In fact, the fleur-de-lis has ever been the flower of chivalry, which historically was marked most prominently by respect for womankind. The sword finally represents militant Catholicism, which is the ideal of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Sodality.

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Can you imagine a fellow showing his appreciation for a little publicity by nailing your slippers to the floor, not with tacks but with railroad spikes? That is what happened to yours truly. The neat task was performed by that demon of the hardwoods, none other than Eduardo Jacques. Naughty, naughty!

That Marty Cain is such a neat little lad. The way he splashes acid around in the lab nobody is safe within twenty yards of where he is working. Say Marty, did you get even with Bondy before he left for that glass-wool treatment he gave you?

Everybody is wondering where Hayward Jones got those light yellow and extremely pointed shoes that he wears. Is that what gives him that extra spring when he walks?

The O. B. A. team that represents Assumption in the city league won a moral victory in a game with the Spitfires, another local team. The other night the boys from Windsor ran up a score of 36-8 against our lads. If it hadn't been for Jacques it would have been one less, he scored the lone point for our team in the second half.

Do the women really swoon when they see our sophomore rep walk into Holy Names? Better watch out Phil or reports will be gettin' to Lu in the Flower City, and that wouldn't be very good at all, would it???

There are reports that Casanova Sheahan on the Freshman flat has connections with a «Mayonnaise Blonde» on the other side of the border. That Grapevine System is working again or could it be a little jealously on the flat.

EXTRA SPECIAL NOTE—We have yet to hear of anyone here at school who was reprimanded for arising too early in the morning. But believe it or not it has happened. Father Girard bawled Dick Farrell out for being up at 5:30 in the morn. Personally we think that the lad must be a little batty. Imagine getting up in the middle of the night like that.

The nomination for Dapper Dan of the school goes out to Buck Holland. He appears every morning in a different suit and, mind you, a clean shirt to top it off. Nice going old boy.

John «Stalin» Adamcik has been trying to convince me for the last week that he has no connection with the OGPU whatsoever. But what are all those carrier pigeons doing in his room? We hope that no one really takes this seriously. N.B. Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

John Shada was soundly razed on the basketball floor one nite when he said that he wanted the halfbacks to get down fast.

Ambassador Blues OR Life's Little Problems

NUMBER 1

Affaire Be Gole

"Production on the 1941 Ambassador is in full swing," announced Editor Dick Farrell, "and the two BeGoles are going to swing with it if they don't keep their so and so faces out of every class picture. They have been in four of them already! In one picture they are freshmen, another sophomores, and another juniors. They're juniors twice! Every place I look I see the BeGoles and the only thing I ever touch is milk (O.K. Sometimes chocolate milk). What do they think I am—a banker? Those pictures cost three dollars a throw. I sent them a bill to cover the cost of the spoilage and the next day I received the bill back again with this inscription:

"Dear Dick, the Slick:

We can readily see that you are not a lover of the beautiful. We were just trying to make the college look bigger. Carroll has been left out of your book for two years and so we thought that we'd be sure and make a good job of it this year.

Yours, oh so very truly,
GEORGE AND YUM.

After I got this little affiche, carbon copies of which were posted all over the school, I put on my ice-bag and went to bed when all of a sudden the phone girl came running up hollering bloody murder: "That man's here—ya know the one that comes! Well he's here and he wants to see you." *Aux armes!* So we had a race to see who could get to the phone room first and there he was. Lux Aeterna, the man with the flashbulb. "Say," he says, "what the h . . . is this? (He speaks French). I got some pictures h'yar and the same guys are in all of 'em! "Have an ice cube." I said as I took the bag off my head (the ice bag) and started knowing on a cube. "Never eat 'em," he said. "Sure?" I asked. "Nope!" he answered. Upon looking at the "pichures" we found that it was the BeGoles again alright, only this time they were in the faculty section. Guess what! Yum was President! Oi. oi. oi! Why didn't I stay in bed!

Rambling Reflections

Well another lenten season has almost rolled around and everybody is trying to keep the promises that they made in those few days before Ash Wednesday. Some of the boys are really going to the very end, what I mean is that most of the lads have given up the little luxuries that constitute their every-day standard of living. For example, take Tom Barrett who is a fine upright lad. Do you know what he is doing for Lent? He is giving up attending the Silver Screen (the Philadelphia Story doesn't count) and the scores of you who know Tom, realize what a sacrifice that is for the poor lad. But, and another but, do YOU know what else he is giving up and which I don't know how he can possibly exist without—ARTICHOKES—Eureka how can the man stand it. Among the Boarders now there are several feuds going on over some of the fair lasses of the town and also of Holy Names College. Boy it really is raging up on the Philosophers' Flat, and who is in the lead nobody seems to know. We'll take them in order starting with the Kane-Neinstedt row over that lass from LaSalle whose initials are Sue Cronin. Take your own choice of the man to win. Then we come upon the Dalton-O'Neill fracas which concerns a certain Miss White. Still another one on the P. Flat is the Minky Davids vs. Master Suscinski over a girl whose name is Kay. Now we revert to the day scholars where there is a four-way tie raging between Nichols-Durocher-Holland-Bunnell. It seems as though all these four lads were arguing over who was going to take R. W. home from that Pre-Lenten dance staged at Holy Names.

What it is that makes certain guys go for those long, pointed, yaller shoes remains a mystery to most of us. Note Bene. . . . Fr. Murphy's witticism's that are plastered all over school. One of the best to come from the front office is the one reminding the group of students that are always late for military training, that the C. O. T. C. will not accept the following as an excuse for absence . . . Unhitch Hikeability. Clever eh what? Take special note McGovern, Keon and Kennedy. Bitz Alex claims that the only reason the team has won four straight games is because of the little doll he wears attached to his shoe. . . . We'll question that one? ???? Did you ever listen to Bill Becket laugh? He sounds just like a large dynamo starting up. We wonder what the reason is for all of the Freshman being barred from the flat betwix the hours of 9-12 A.M. Have you noticed how hard the lads have been grinding away in the library, especially on the following magazines—*Time*, *Theater Arts*, *Columbia* and *McLean's*. J. Koerber hasn't been able to sit down for the last couple of days. We wonder why. Who was that lively individual who slept soundly all through the French 30 class on March 4? Hayward Jones held a real MR. SMITH filibuster against Clifford in a recent Student Assembly, and did a pretty good job of it . . .

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● *in defence of the purple and white*

For some time now the *Purple and White* has become the target of attack for certain of the so-called reformers of Assumption College. So much so that we feel that it has become necessary to girt our loins and go forth in defence of our humble efforts.

One of the malevolent remarks is that the staff of the *P & W* are lying down on the job. Did you ever try shoving a car out of a deep rut with about fifteen individuals standing around offering suggestions but not one of them volunteering any assistance? Annoying, isn't it? Well that is the position that we are in. We are surrounded with critics offering all kinds of helpful hints not one of which is practical. Three or four people, no matter how zealous they be, cannot put out a college paper. Perhaps three or four individuals devoting all their time solely to a paper might be able to do it. But we didn't come to college merely to publish the *Purple and White*.

This paper is a student organization and as such should have the co-operation of the entire student body. Everyone is entitled to contribute to it. But so far such contributions are so rare that if we were told to produce one such contribution or die at dawn I am afraid that at noon the next day they would be turning the sod. That is rather strong but nevertheless it is true. So don't blame the few individuals who are really interested in the *Purple and White*. They are voluntarily giving of their time without any remuneration whatsoever. The only reward expected is the co-operation of the student body.

Another subject for the grippers is the fact that the paper doesn't appear often enough. Don't breathe a word of it but it costs money to print a paper, and in a college the size of Assumption that money isn't so easy to get. It has been stated, and rightly so, that the students contribute to the support of the paper. But a fact that escapes most of our so-helpful critics is the fact that the amount thus received wouldn't pay for the printing of three issues. The principal source of our income is the revenue obtained from advertising. But here again we are up against a stone wall. Due to the fact that Canada is at war and hence heavy taxes must be levied to pay for her vital national defence, business firms must cut down on unnecessary expenditures. One of the first things to be cut is their quota for advertising. To try and combat this Assumption formed its central advertising committee. Realizing that it would be hard enough to get ads for one publication, let alone three (*Purple and White*, *Ambassador*, and *Reporter*) it has become necessary to get ads on the basis that they will appear in all three publications for the price of what it would ordinarily cost to insert them in the *Ambassador* alone. Thus it is that this year we are without our independent source of revenue, dependent solely on what we get from the central committee. So far this year the amount of advertising collected wouldn't even equal what was in last year's *Ambassador*.

Thoughts for To-day

It is the time-tried method of philosophical history to understand a particular age by discovering its vital ideas or its fundamental errors. Now although nothing is easier or more wide-spread than to lay the blame for failure at another's door and gracefully to disclaim any share in the shortcomings of one's own time, even at the risk of appearing, at least, to exculpate ourselves, we can safely say that a great deal of the evident, dreary emptiness and purposeless endeavour which have become such strong marks of the society of our own times, has for its cause and source the definite rejection of Christ. That this rejection was widespread long before our own day has little to do with the case. It remains true of to-day and for this we are responsible.

The most telling condemnation of any age is surely the confession that the God-Man came into the world He made, into His own world, and was not even recognized. And the reason is that such a confession discovers in us the most deadly vice of which the race is capable. It is the vice which would call ignorance wisdom, weakness power, mere flesh and blood Divinity. It is the vice which refuses to accept the spiritual, which points the way to loss of faith. It is the vice which, even when faith is present, will try to force its own will upon the God in whom it believes.

Our age has rejected the spiritual. There are obvious difficulties to the acceptance of the spiritual; let us not deny it. By a psychological law of our nature we begin with the sensible world in our march to knowledge. By a certain weakness, also inherent in our nature, we are prone to stop there, so that we feel content to admit only a series of phenomena in the world about us, mere externals of a vital reality which the mind longs to know. Christ knew that weakness of ours and met us half-way by condescending to take on our nature. To make it easier for our minds to accept the spiritual, He gave us His sensible Humanity, not that we might stop at the contemplation of that Humanity, but might rise from it to acknowledge the higher nature which was also Christ's, viz, that of Divinity.

Not only our age, generally speaking, but even well-meaning Christians who treasure highly their gift of faith, are not infrequently guilty of attempting to force their own wills on the Deity to whom they and this world belong. Is a greater perversion possible? Still it must be the explanation for the peaceful reign of injustice in the social world and the calamitous dissolution of family life. For these violations are directed against laws so fundamental that ignorance of them can hardly be considered a legit-

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The Core of Christian Culture

Speaking to a vast throng in the Vanity Theatre on Wednesday, February 19, on "The Core of Christian Culture" Madam Sigrid Undset dwelt mainly on the fact that it is the plan of the dictators of Europe and Asia to construct a new world order based on lies. This bodes worse for the world than the terrible destruction that they have already wrought in the world.

"Far worse than all this," the speaker declared, after giving a brief resume of the suffering and destruction caused by the European conflict, "is the fact that the core of the new totalitarian states concept is the principle; they prefer to work with lies."

It is a grotesque fact that in an age which recognizes the importance of truth in the so-called exact sciences, such as medicine and physics, leading men are putting their faith, as far as the social sciences are concerned, in lies. Yet while men in the Dark Ages made erroneous interpretations of perfectly sound observations the world had then no leaders who deliberately tried to obscure the truth.

"For centuries," Madam Undset stated, "the white man has prided himself on the advance of enlightenment. He had scornfully looked back on the superstitions of the 'Dark Continent,' the murky Middle Ages... superstitions which very often were conditioned by erroneous interpretations of perfectly sound observations that men lacked instruments to test out, and these erroneous explanations of obscured facts were mostly given in perfectly good faith. But now we have lived to see self-appointed leaders of the people deliberately propagate superstitions which they cannot possibly believe in themselves. They use all the means of modern propaganda and educational technique to prevent their countrymen from thinking for themselves and thus from being less easily led on the way their leaders would drive them. With lies and with terror National Socialism and National Communism are striving to foster in the human intellect all the qualities that will make it impotent to think straight, that will weaken its sense of reality."

No sane society can possibly be built upon such ideologies—no lasting structure in which men can live and build their homes can be constructed upon such a foundation. In order to prolong their existence the totalitarian states must continually be on the march seeking new fields to conquer and new peoples from which to suck the life blood. "And to us is the effort to fight their lethal ideologies, whilst we try to drive them back by armed forces."

The fate of mankind today depends upon the kind of future that we desire for it and our willingness to fight for it—using all our facilities of soul, mind and body, to make it emerge from the chaos of our times. It is only our determination to evolve and spread another type of civilization—a civilization

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MADAM SIGRID UNSET

The Dover Patrol The Disaster of France

Arnold Lunn, the distinguished English scholar and lecturer brought the European war very close to us with his first hand information. His analysis was intimate and penetrating. The Italians, Mr. Lunn said, are in this war very much against their will. That explains the very poor showing that they are making. It would seem that nobody in Italy believes in Fascism but rather they regard it as a racket.

The speaker then related his experiences, encountered while spending a week with a battery in Dover Harbour. He praised the efficiency and the morale of the Royal Air Force. He spoke of an outnumbered British air force going out to meet the enemy and then coming back victorious. A big asset to the British soldier is his superiority complex. He looks upon defeat as a freak of nature. He realizes that if he fails the English will disappear from Europe.

Next, Mr. Lunn stressed the fact that there can be beauty in war. It is an inspiring sight to watch an air battle. The devotion and courage of the English people is a thing of wonder. Their morale, in spite of terrific odds, is unbelievable. They know that it is absolutely necessary that they keep up their nerve. England is the last trench of democracy in Europe and if anyone breaks down it is all over with. It would not be well for England, for Europe or for that matter, the world, if Hitler wins. The English are fighting the battle of the world and it is only England that will save Europe from another Dark Age.

Dr. Yves Simon, French-born university lecturer delivered the fifth lecture of this year's Christian Culture Series. His topic was: "The Disaster of France: Case History of a Universal Tragedy." The eminent speaker blamed the fall of France upon purely Fascist tendencies. He dispelled the erroneous opinion that it was due to Communistic alliances that France met with such a terrible fate. Here are his reasons:

France was defeated even before she met her doom on the battlefield. The causes were very simple; Fascist support, Fascist sympathy, and weak and cowardly irresolution. The country could have been saved had it acted promptly in 1936 when Hitler re-occupied the Rhineland. There is authentic historical proof that retreat orders were issued by Nazi leaders. Hitler played a long shot and won. He gambled on French irresolution and emerged the victor.

It would have been possible for France not only to have saved herself but also to have saved the German people from Nazism if only she had not been in total ignorance of her strength. Dr. Simon stated that the Ethiopian invasion which he considered to be the turning point in recent European history was what ruined France. It was because of this campaign that France became divided internally. A great majority of the French people clung to the idea that Italy was an indispensable ally in case of an attempted invasion. By adopting this attitude France played directly into Hitler's hands. He was constantly striving for divided allegiance in France and here was his opportunity.

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From Lisieux To Lourdes

In a talk to the Assumption Lecture League, Mrs. Frances Parkinson Keyes, famous novelist and biographer, told of the four months that she spent in France in search of material for a biography on St. Theresa, the Little Flower of Jesus.

A speaker of great charm and wit, Mrs. Keyes kept her audience amused and spiritually impressed in turn, as she recounted the adventures of a modern journalist in search of facts for a book that she had already contracted to write. Scarcely believing her own senses, she found herself on board a ship bound for Europe to write the story of Theresa armed with nothing more than a cursory glance at the few available source of the Saint's life and the fond wishes of her publishers.

Entering the Benedictine convent at Lisieux Mrs. Keyes found within the ancient Norman walls the most peaceful and happy interlude of her all-too-hectic life. She returned to this restful haven for four successive summers, conversing, at length, with several people who personally knew the saint of whom she was writing.

On her final visit to France, in 1939, Mrs. Keyes travelled across the country from the now-familiar Lisieux to the world-renowned shrine of Lourdes. She had successfully written the life of St. Theresa and was now embarking upon a similar study of the life of St. Bernadette. She arrived after, much difficulty, only to find that the famous spot was in the process of being surrounded with sandbags against the destruction of the now-imminent German invasion of France. She was informed, much to her dismay, that all accommodations had been commanded by the militia and that it would be necessary for her to leave. But fortune, in the person of the Mother Superior of the convent smiled upon her, and she was able to stay long enough to gather the material for which she had travelled so far. This, her third biography of a saint, is now in the hands of the publishers and will be presented to the public sometime this spring.

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On Sunday, February 9, the Assumption College Lecture Series presented as its guest speaker Mr. Phillip Murray, president of the C.I.O. Speaking to an audience in Windsor's Capitol Theatre, Mr. Murray told of his rise from the position of a humble coal-miner in Scotland to his present status as head of the C.I.O. in the United States. Ever since he was ten years old, working below ground in Scotland, Mr. Murray had as his ideal the betterment of the lot of the worker in a Capitalistic Society. Since coming to America the speaker has worked tirelessly to improve the inhuman and unjust relations that exist in many instances between the employer and the employee.

"Every man," Mr. Murray stated, "is entitled to have his say in the workings and profits of industry. Many of the so-called lower classes are the possessors of intelligence and creative genius, which if allowed to develop, would prove of inestimable value and would thereby lead to a betterment of the industrial program." He demonstrated this by pointing to the Reuthers Plan, whereby it would be possible for the United States to produce the seemingly impossible number of five hundred airplanes a day. This plan was formulated by a group of tool and die makers in the city of Detroit.

Mr. Murray also interpreted for his audience the problem of the "Closed Shop" which is a common term to most of the newspaper audience to-day, but a term the meaning of which is obscure to many.



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The Indian's Road To God

Chief Eagle Plume, one of America's foremost authorities on Indian folk lore, lectured on "The Indian's Road to God." It was without a doubt one of the most interesting lectures of the current Series. Not only did the speaker show himself to be a great scholar and a brilliant philosopher but he also proved to be a great personality.

Eagle Plume, a graduate of the University of Colorado, appeared on the stage dressed in full regalia. He commenced with an interesting description of the various items comprising an Indian's wardrobe. Then followed an attempt to explain the Redman as he really is. The speaker pointed out that the ordinary individual's idea of the Indian is garnered from the local movie house or the wooden Indian in front of the cigar store. This concept is entirely false. The Redman is not the unemotional, phlegmatic character that the movies would have one believe. On the contrary he feels very deeply and is possessed of a high degree of sensitivity.

The Indian's philosophy of life is much better than the twentieth-century emphasis placed by the white man upon speed, efficiency and material advantage. He does not believe in unnecessary hurrying. He lives plainly and has very simple wants. His proximity to and dependence upon nature has given him a real understanding of the superior Being that is over us all. An Indian cannot be an atheist for to him a universe without a God is an idea entirely foreign to his way of living and thinking. The speaker also pointed out that the early Indians reached a level of civilization equal to that of the ancient Chinese. His contribution to civilization cannot be overestimated.

The Chief then went on to explain the significance of the various Indian dances and songs, illustrating them as he did so. Because of the deep educational value and highly entertaining nature of his lecture we are looking forward to a return engagement of Chief Eagle Plume.

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French Canada To-day

Colonel Wilfred Bovey, O.B.E., director of education for the Canadian Army and one of the foremost workers in the interest of unity between English and French-speaking Canadians, speaking on the subject 'French Canada To-day,' lambasted those who would try, by word or deed, to foster disunity between English and French in Canada.

"There is no doubt whatever, that the influence of a subtle and very deadly enemy reaches into the very midst of our Canadian life. The enemy need not be a German or a fifth columnist; he is the type of man who foments disunion without justification. At your elbow, at my elbow, at the elbow of the journalist, will sometimes stand a man whose skillful suggestion will lead to harm which cannot be undone.

Those French-Canadians or English-Canadians who would search the documents of the last war, seeking anything with which they might reproach their fellow citizens are, whether they know it or not, playing into Hitler's hands. But fortunately such individuals are small in number. Most Canadians realize that what is needed and needed desperately, is the assurance that all are doing their best. The French-Canadian is to-day facing the enemy side by side with his English-speaking brother, because he professes, in common with him, the same traditions of freedom.

It is vitally important that we win this war for if we do not win we shall lose not only our bodies and our possessions but our very spirits. Already the Germans have lost all that. To the German Hitler is God and Christ is merely a hero placed in the same category as a brothel-haunting young Nazi (Horst Wesel).

Besides the fact that our political liberty is at stake there is another reason why we must win the war, the speaker continued. We must win to ensure the freedom of our souls. An unworthy is no more repellent to the mind of the English-Canadian than it is to the French-Canadian. The French-Canadian would rather die than sacrifice all that his forebears have won over a period of a thousand years.

Colonel Bovey went on to say that French Canada has never been more strongly united than it is to-day. Speaking to a young French chap on the day of registration last July, he asked what the young man thought of registration. His answer, "C'est pour la patrie—It is for the country," shows that there is none of the stupidity and ignorance that was present during the last war.

The speaker dealt, at length, with the ancestry of the present-day French Canada. He outlined the various causes of difference between the English and French in Canada. But he believes that these differences have been forgotten and a new concept formed. As part of modern Canada, the French-Canadian sees a new future ahead of him, a future in a growing, a confident and a wonderful land.

What Is Wrong With The American Theatre

Grenville Vernon, dramatic critic of Commonweal, speaking to a large audience of the Christian Culture Series on the subject "What is wrong with the American Theatre and what is right", stated that it is impossible to have an exclusively Catholic theatre, since there is no Catholic public. Catholics to-day would rather go and see such crude and vulgar plays as *Panama Hattie* in preference to outstanding Catholic plays such as *The White Steed* and *Shadow and Substance*.

The critic declared that many of the theatregoers have lost spiritual standards, making extremely difficult for the playwright to write a play with any moral force.

"The greatest enemy of the theatre to-day is the loss of God. Great drama must have spiritual contact". The production of realistic drama which appeals to a very limited audience of sophisticates or semi-sophisticates, is a great mistake of the theatre. It is vitally important that plays of spiritual value should be presented. "Playwrights reverted to writing about the underprivileged, turned materialistic and left God out. The plays became entirely for the sophisticate, or almost so, and that is not a healthy condition."

The majority of present-day plays are very largely realistic and deal with a photographic representation of life. Instead of using a telescope the playwright is using a microscope. As a result we have an appalling lot of vulgar writing.

In the last few years plays have dealt largely with sexual matters but fortunately the spiritual play is returning. The critics at first snubbed spiritual plays but they are now becoming more hospitable.

"It would seem that the only plays the New York critics like are those musicals or sublimated burlesques, such as *Louisiana Purchase* and *Panama Hattie* which are absolutely vulgar. *Tobacco Road* is so successful because people were told it was dirty and so they wanted to see it.

Mr. Vernon stated that as Catholics we belong to the great tradition. We were brought up on the high road of art. We ought to appreciate and support the finer things, not only combat the bad. The emphasis is on what we ought not to see, not what we ought to see.

Speaking of Bernard Shaw, the noted critic stated that he felt Mr. Shaw to be a master of discussion. In most of his plays the actors are part of Mr. Shaw's brain, and in most of his plays, while he believed Mr. Shaw had a brain, he didn't show it.

Another thing that is hurting the stage are the movies. They are attended more by the general public because they are cheaper. Actors and actresses leave the stage because of the money that Hollywood offers. However a number of them are returning. "I never knew an actor who really liked the movies. They like the money."

There are, to-day, many young actresses displaying fine talent. "But," stated Mr. Vernon, "the actors should learn to speak the English language."

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Fenn	22	27
Ferris	34	38
Lawrence Tech	47	34
De Sales	53	29
U. of Mexico	40	38
Calvin	57	36
Lawrence Tech	43	25
Highland Park J. C.	47	50
Calvin	48	70
Ferris	37	35
Detroit Tech	53	35
Alumni	36	38
St. Mary's	34	35
Alumni	37	42
De Sales	59	60
Adrian	46	32
Detroit Tech	52	35
	822	714

WON 7—Lost 12—Average per game 37.5
Points for 714. Points Against 822.

NAME	F.G.	F.S.	T. A.	G.
Alex	73	49	195	10
Ryan	52	23	127	7
Durocher	22	20	64	4
Zakem	29	11	69	4
Mahaffy	23	18	64	4
Suscinski	16	18	50	3
McClelland	18	15	51	3
Lally	16	2	34	2
Richardson	8	2	18	1

F.G.—Field goals; F.S.—Foul Shots;
T—Total; A—Average; G—Games

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Intramural basketball was given a severe setback by the formation of an Intermediate O. B. A. team from members of both the day scholars and boarder group. It was difficult to secure the gym and to form good teams from the material at hand, but the gym problem is settled now, and the four competing teams have been whipped into shape.

The Steffani "Steamrollers" have so far twice defeated the Delmore "Spitfires". Steffani has his team in great shape and should lead them through an unbeaten season, unless a means to stop Sam Sasso and his shots can be found. Delmore is high man for the Spitfires.

In the boarder division, the Langan "Loungers" defeated the Jacques "Tankers" in the only game played so far. It was the only defeat suffered by the Tankers in a year and a half. But many more bloody battles are yet to be played.

Ping pong is in full swing. Arrangements are being made with the High School to use their equipment. Hand ball eliminations will begin when weather conditions permit.

Father Whelihan wishes to sponsor touch football this spring and he requests that the boys who are interested should form six

SPORTSLANTS

The curtain has fallen upon another basketball season and for the Assumption Five it has been a season of ups and downs, of good games and bad ones. Looking back at the season just passed we find that the score for Assumption stands at seven victories against twelve defeats. The climax of the season came with a four game winning streak including in these games a double victory over the Alumni giving Assumption the City Championship. This year's team was known to slaken early in the game, permitting the opposition to pile up a lead. In every game played, a desperate rally was made in the second half but too often it fell short of its objective. The games were interesting to watch and the players gave promise of better things to come, for a team that can rally is a team that will win.

The captain, Bitz Alex, sparked the team in victory and defeat. Bitz played in spite of a football injury that would have kept many a less spirited man on the sidelines. He was an expert at handling the ball. He set up many good plays and was exceptionally good at both long and short shots. Joe Ryan, the man under the basket, was a player who seldom got the credit he deserved but was one of the mainstays of the team. Joe's shots from the corner were dead-on and he could shoot dogs with either hand. He gave swell exhibitions of faking and shooting and is meritorious of much praise.

Ed Suscinski is another who played despite a football injury and he wormed his way from the bottom to the top in a few short weeks. Ed seldom took shots in spite of his cleverness and ability to get past men. Always a threat to the opposing team, Suscinski showed his basketball ability by stopping the opposition's key man from scoring time and time again. Walt Mahaffey, the "Little Brute" of the outfit, was a speedy forward who could handle the ball with the best. Walt had the knack of quickly tying up a man and earning a jump ball. He invariably scored points when he shot and he also set up many plays.

Bob McClelland, a newcomer, this year showed up well in many games and gives promise for a brilliant future at Assumption. Bob could handle a ball and shoot well but lacked experience in playing with the other men. Gene Durocher was a player who was terrific when he shot. He was a good shot and clever at dribbling his opponent out of position. John Zakem, Sterling Richardson and Hank Lally were three more newcomers who saw much service in the past season. They have all the necessary requirements lacking experience only.

man teams and be ready for call. Intramural softball will also be part of the schedule. All those who would like to play are urged to form their teams now so that the games can be started as soon as the weather clears.

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BOB ALLEN

A newcomer to Assumption, playing his first year of American football, Bob was voted a position at end on the All-Conference team. Allen was a huge target at which to throw passes and his ability to catch passes was a great asset to the team. Many a touchdown march was started or helped on its way by a long or short pass to Bob. He was full of fight and competitive spirit and wanted to be on a winning team. His size made him a difficult man to move out of a play and his downfield blocking stood out on many long runs.

VARSITY FIVE DOWN ALUMNI

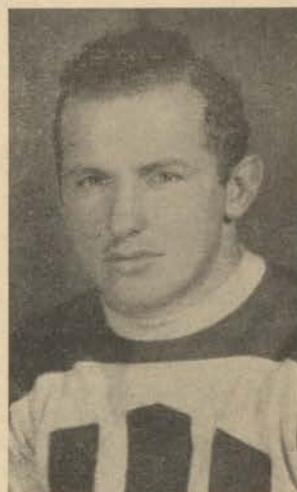
The Purple Five climaxed a rather poor season by sneaking out from behind the eight-ball to defeat the Alumni team in two straight games and win recognition as Windsor champions. The gods were really with the team on these two occasions and they played over their heads to win. They barely edged out their opponents in the first game by the score of 38-36, and came from behind to win the second 42-37.

Alex was high scorer in both games, compiling a fifteen point average. Durocher was second high with an average of ten points. Bitz played his usual and wholly-expected offensive game, while Durocher's showing came as a surprise to most of us. He kept his team in the race during the second half of the last game to the delight of all onlookers. Ryan, Mahaffy and Suscinski gathered the lion's share of the remaining points with McClelland, Zachem, Lally, and Richardson contributing what was left.

Ryan, Suscinski, Mahaffy, and Alex turned in great defensive games, with Ryan doing a wonderful job under the basket, and Bitz, Walt, and Ed. covering the floor.

SIGMUND HAREMSKI

Haremski, playing his second year as tackle for Assumption, was also chosen for the second consecutive year as an All-Conference player. Putting his size and speed to good need, Haremski was known to have stopped many a play in the backfield. Sig was a good blocker on offence and he never backed down while on defense. Quick to crash the opponents line, Sig was a good man to have in any game. He could diagnose plays and was a hard man to move or to stop from moving.



ED. SUSCINSKI

Suscinski was a unanimous choice for the post of All-Conference half-back for the second consecutive year. Ed was dynamite at any point on the field and the opponents never knew when he would explode and veer touchdowward. Respected as the most dangerous triple-threat back in the league, he lead his team in points scored for both years. He was the leading ground gainer and a sparkling defensive back. Ed pulled many a game out of the fire for Assumption and will go down in its history as one of the greatest football players to wear the Purple and White.

VARSITY CLUB NEWS

The Varsity Club plans to sponsor a Sports Night in the gym shortly after Easter. Varsity Basketball and O. B. A. awards will be handed out at that time. A program of boxing together with an amateur contest will be part of the bill for the evening. Plans are being made to bring over for the affair some of the popular athletes from the ranks of Detroit's professional teams. Formal invitations will take place after the Varsity Night for all incoming varsity football and basketball players.

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B Team Loses to Pats Service

Assumption College showed Windsor one of the very best teams in the Intermediate O. B. A. basketball league before the B's were defeated in the final round of the city play-offs. Coached by Father Whelihan and managed by Mr. Potts, the team lost its first three games and then steadily improved to win the following eight. The series narrowed down to Assumption and Pats Service and in the first game, played at Assumption, the B Five won easily. The next game was played in the small McGregor gym and the Pats team came from behind to win. The site of the next game was decided by the toss of a coin. Pats won and McGregor was again the battle-ground. For a second time Pats came from behind to win the game and take the series.

The team was sparked by Bunnell and Koerber who shared top scoring honours. Holland, Nichols, Beauvais, and Allen and a good line of reserve strength were right in there pitching. Had Father Whelihan been able to start his boys earlier we feel sure that the team could have carried through easily. However it was a good start and perhaps next year will see the title in Assumption's hands.

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imate excuse. Here too the Humanity of Christ can show us the way out, for that same Humanity submitted its own will to that of the Divinity which made it one with itself. In fact, it submitted so completely that it had no personality of its own. How much more sensible would it not be for us to do the same with our own impotent wills? What great hopes might we not have for the future if we could only see the folly of arrogant independence and the surpassing wisdom of submission, and that not the submission of the slave to the tyrant, but of the child to its wise father?

Christ's birth into this world is evidence of Christ's Humanity, of Christ's weakness. It was part of the Divine plan that we should find strength in weakness. From Christ's Humanity we rise to the acknowledgement of God. If our strength is not in God, then the facts of history have lost all power to teach, the whole world remains an insoluble mystery, and frustration is the goal of all human endeavour.

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that is based upon the Christian ideals of truth whether it be the truth of the laws of nature that surrounds us or the truth of human nature, that will prevent the evil civilization of the Godless totalitarian states from enveloping the world in a wave of destruction.

THE DISASTER OF FRANCE

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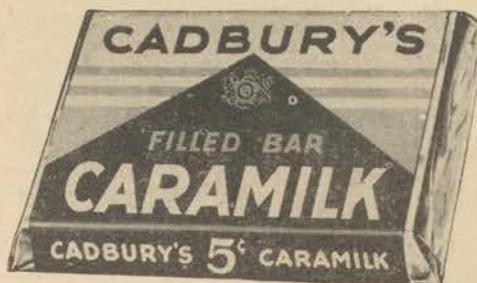
The Feuhrer's aim was achieved by means of propaganda.

In conclusion Dr. Simon declared that the pernicious smoke-screen of the Nazis will soon be blown away and that the French will come to their senses and resist Hitler and his regime with everything that they possess.

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CITY SODALITIES JOIN IN MARY'S DAY RALLY

BLESSED VIRGIN HONOURED ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

The annual May Rally in which the sodalities from all Windsor's Catholic institutions meet took place on Sunday, May 4, on the grounds of Assumption College.

The ceremonies began in Assumption Church with the singing of the *Pange Lingua* and from there a procession of the Blessed Sacrament went by way of London St. and Huron Line to the College campus. At an altar erected for the occasion on the Little Walk Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Laurendeau of Our Lady of the Lake parish and Dean of Essex County. The sermon, in English, was preached by Father Wholihan of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and in French, by Father Caron of River Canada, Ontario. Over a thousand people were present at this beautiful ceremony.

Following Benediction the procession returned by the same route to Assumption Church. All those who participated are to be congratulated for such an edifying demonstration of their love and devotion for the Mother of God. In particular the girls of Holy Names College and St. Mary's Academy are to be commended for the splendid way in which they took charge of the singing of the hymns during the procession.

This year the May Rally in honour of Our Blessed Lady, started in 1938 by the late Father Belisle, was of particular significance. It was called Mary's Day. This movement dedicated to Mary, Mother of Mankind was started in New York in 1928. It is an invitation to all children of Mary to participate once a year on some day before Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) in public devotion thereby proclaiming to the world the filial love and reverent devotion that fills the heart of every true Catholic for the Immaculate Mother of God.



BACCALAUREATE EXERCISES TO BE HELD EARLY IN JUNE

The annual Baccalaureate exercises of Assumption College will take place this year on Wednesday, June 4. The speaker on this occasion will be Rev. Leo J. Trese of Marysville, Michigan, a former graduate of the College.

The ceremony will commence at ten o'clock. The graduates, professors, and alumni will walk in procession from the school to Assumption Church where, in the presence of parents and guests of the Class of Forty-one, a Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Monsignor John T. Kidd, Bishop of London. Following the Mass and sermon a tree will be planted on the College grounds by the members of this year's graduating class. The picture of the graduates, who are twenty-seven in number this year, will then be hung in the main corridor of the Administration Building. At noon the graduates will be guests of honour at a luncheon to be held in the College Refectory.

ASSUMPTION STUDENTS TO COMPLETE TRAINING

PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS TO BE SPENT IN CAMP

On Wednesday, May 28, all Canadian students of Assumption College, twenty-one years of age and over, will leave for the Thames Valley in London, Ontario. Here they will complete the period of training started last October. The students will spend two weeks in camp, much of the time spent under conditions of actual warfare. When the two weeks are up the Assumption lads will have completed the equivalent of the one month's training required by the government of all Canadian males who are physically fit and between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-four, during the year 1940.

No student will be asked to spend more than these two weeks in camp unless, during that period, his age group is called up for the 1941 period. In that case the remainder of the summer must be spent in camp so that by the end of September the four month period now required will have been completed thus enabling the undergraduate to return to college for the 1941-42 term.

Regulation army equipment will be issued to this group who are classed as supernumeraries of the Western C.O.T.C. Students who have not yet attained twenty-one years may go to camp if they wish. They will be enrolled in the Officer's Training Corp but will be struck off the list at the end of the two weeks. All will receive regulation Army pay amounting to one dollar and twenty cents a day.

The military training will not interfere with either the Baccalaureate exercises at Assumption or the Convocation exercises at Western. The graduating class will leave London early Wednesday, June 4, and motor to Windsor. On June 5, all trainees will march from the Thames Valley to Little Stadium to attend the graduation ceremonies at the University. Late passes will be issued to everyone on that date. On June 10 the period of training will be over at noon and the students will be free to leave.

Ambassador Editor Resigns Position

When the Ambassador appears this month, its editor will bid farewell to it. Richard Farrell, who for three years has piloted the far-famed year book of Assumption College, intends to resign his post during the coming year, it was announced last week. "I want to graduate with a B.A. not a Y.B." he said when interviewed. "I was made editor of The Ambassador when I was a freshman here and I have been at it ever since and I think it is about time that some one else be given a chance to publish it. The Ambassador is a full time job and a person could be brought in to work eight hours a day from October to May and still have bags under his eyes. I have enjoyed every hour I have spent on the book and wish I could continue it but next year I want to see what this sleeping at night time is like and what it is like to have nothing else to do but study," he concluded.

The Ambassador has won wide acclaim under the direction of Mr. Farrell and more than one college has come to Assumption for publication advice. Dick first started on his publication career at the Catholic Central High School in Detroit where he edited The Spectrum, the school newspaper for three years. It was he who founded that paper which is still thriving and prospering. In 1938 he was one of the editors of The Shamrock the Central year book and the inaugural edition of The Ambassador at Assumption in 1939 was designed and published by him.

As to who will replace the retiring editor no definite information has been disclosed as yet.

Arts Banquet Held April 22

On Tuesday, April 22, the annual Arts Banquet was held at the Prince Edward Hotel. The guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. Paulus who spoke of his experiences while travelling through Russia a few years ago. The speaker, a graduate of Harvard and Oxford Universities, painted a very vivid picture of the deplorable conditions that exist in Soviet Russia to-day—conditions that have improved very little since the feudal days of the Tsarist regime. Mr. Paulus was introduced by Father Murphy, Registrar of the College.

Father Guinan, President of Assumption, was the second speaker of the evening. He addressed the students in general and the graduates in particular, outlining the difficulties that lie ahead of the college graduate going forth into the present war-torn world. He pointed out the fact that Assumption, like every Catholic college, has endeavoured to prepare the student for such emergencies and he hoped that the present graduating class would be ever-conscious of the ideals that had been taught them during their stay at Assumption.

Gene Dalton, representing the Senior

Farewell Message from President of Students' Council

Time has once more sunk its ravaging teeth in the annals of another students' administrative council regime . . . biting off a slice of eternity and leaving its fangs bitterly impressed on the next appetizing morsel. Councils have come and councils will go until the eternal procession is ended only with the ultimate culmination of this—our earthly existence.

It is with a heartfelt expression of regret that we as this year's students' council draw to a close our year of organization and activity. We have done our best in the interest of all concerned. We feel that we have achieved some modicum of success that has not been accomplished before. There have been reverses of fortune that could not be helped but on the whole much has been done on the progressive scale to keep alive the ideal of "always forward" in student activities.

It is with the best hopes of success and good luck that we extend to the next year's student council our sincere wishes for a continued advance in student endeavor. Yours is a bitter and dark future faced with the horrors of war and the consequences of a Godless world. Yours is a mighty task but we feel that you are equal to it. You must not be depressed—you will not be depressed.

SIGMUND HAREMSKI

Medical Society Holds Closing Exercises

The St. Luke's Medical Society held its first annual closing exercises on Saturday, April 26. The guest speaker was Dr. R. D. Morand who delivered a very interesting lecture on many aspects of the medical profession. He particularly emphasized the necessary endowments of the medical student; hard work and intensive study over a period of years, a cheerful disposition in the midst of suffering, worry and death, and a spirit of self-sacrifice which placed the possibility of doing good above the desire to acquire wealth.

The lecture by Dr. Morand was followed by a luncheon at which Father Guinan, on behalf of the Society, offered the position of Honorary President to Dr. Morand. Father Guinan also gave the awards for proficiency earned during the year. The members of the St. Luke's Society wish to thank all those who in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

Class, gave a short address assuring Father Guinan that his faith in the graduates would not be ill-founded. Sigmund Haremski then spoke on behalf of the student body and introduced the members of the Students' Council for the year 1941-1942. The chairman for the occasion was Dan Kane.

During the course of the meal a concert

Juniors Sponsor Successfull Dance

Friday, May 2, marked the date of another successful J-Hop, the second to be staged in the gala setting of the Prince Edward Hotel. In charge of the dance was LeRoy Delmore, President of the Junior Class. Assisting him were Messrs. Gene Durocher, Richard Farrell, Hayward Jones, Charles Msrcinkevicius and John Venini.

The decorations, among the best ever, were designed by Dick Farrell. The theme was a "Preview of the Ambassador". Against the dark blue backdrop of the bandstand there was spotlighted a huge replica of the cover of the forthcoming yearbook, in blue and gold. Campus pictures and candid shots appearing in the Ambassador and enlarged by John Venini were placed on all pillars throughout the ballroom. We take our hats off to Bob Handy for his assistance in making the decorations such a praiseworthy success and to Tom and Paul Barrett, LeRoy Delmore, Sig Haremki, Pete Plante, Nick O'Neill and John Venini for their able co-operation.

Another highlight of the evening was the novel idea for corsages, the proceeds of which were donated to the Queen's War Fund. Charlie Marcinkevicius was kept busy the greater part of the evening selling these roses until there wasn't a young lady at the dance without one of the unique corsages.

The patrons and patronesses for this dance were Mr. and Mrs. J. Gentile, Mr. and Mrs. G. Horne, Dr. and Mrs. J. McCabe and Mr. and Mrs. P. McManus.

COLLEGE PLAY CANCELLED

Due to the fact that Mr. Gregory Crawley has left Assumption to assume the position of Director of Dramatics at Colby Junior College in New London, New Hampshire, the play Front Page, scheduled for April 23 and 24, has been cancelled. Mr. Crawley's departure was a severe blow to the young thespians who had worked so hard to make a success of this very enjoyable play. But since it was so late in the scholastic year it would have been difficult to find anyone to replace Mr. Crawley and hence it was deemed advisable to suspend, altogether, the work on Front Page.

Perhaps the students may have the opportunity of seeing this excellent dramatic work produced during the scholastic year 1941-42. It is indeed to be regretted that this emergency could not have been foreseen and that the time and effort put into the production has proven fruitless.

trio under the direction of Matti Holli played several selections. The banquet came to an end with the playing of the school song Purple and White and the National Anthem. Dick Farrell presided at the piano.

Registrar Registers Optimism in Interview

By Erasmus Doyle
(Special to "P & W")

"The Christian Culture Series is over for the year," I began; "Dr. Cory surely concluded with a bang."

"Yes," replied Father Murphy, "but it won't be long 'till Msgr. Sheen starts off the eighth series, will it? Had a telegram from him today. He wanted to know if we could open on October 10; had to inform him that no theatre would be available that night. So, I imagine, October 5, Sunday, will be the day."

"Are you going to keep up the Assumption College Radio Series all summer?" I asked.

"Well, I should hope so," the Registrar replied, "It's a year-around affair. Don't worry, with C.K.L.W. at the 800 Frequency now, with that excellent time, 7:45 p.m., there will be more and more listeners. So many people pass complimentary comments on the Radio Series."

"Will you have enough talent for the summer?" I ventured.

"Enough talent?—Why, we have at least twelve more talks by Msgr. Sheen, three by Msgr. Jno. A. Ryan, four by Dr. H. Cory, and talks by Maurice Leahy, Mortimer Adler, Rev. Dr. George Johnson, Mrs. Keyes, and others; there is no other program in North America under Catholic auspices that will present such a variety of talent."

I agreed; then the following question presented itself: "How are prospects for a good Arts enrollment next fall?"

"Splendid!" Father Murphy replied, with no hesitation. —"That is, if we all do our share! There is a perfectly good proposition to be put across; and it's beginning to get across more. Everywhere it is beginning to dawn on folks that Assumption exists and has something unique to offer in the way of educational opportunities. The staff has been going out visiting the Senior Classes in certain High Schools. That is something very important, for the Seniors are thinking 'After this, what next?' during the last part of their Senior Year."

"What schools have been visited?" I asked next.

"Father Young has been to Lansing; Fr. Mallon has been to Kalamazoo; Fr. Lee has visited Mt. Clemens; Fr. McCorkell has talked to several Detroit High Schools; I have been to Pontiac and Jackson; Fr. Garvey has made Port Huron and Marine City; Father Wey has seen Flint, Saginaw and Bay City, and at present is out, like Alexander the Great, looking for new worlds to conquer; and there are lots of them too."

"Don't forget Sarnia; there are students there that should be told about Assumption."

Father Murphy replied: "Fear not. But there will be many places we cannot get to personally—lovely if we could—but we just cannot get to them this year, though three Basilian Fathers are out now visiting more districts. . . . It's bound to do good. The two thousand Scholarship circulars covered every parish and Catholic High School in

Backyard Banter . . . or "Say girls did you hear this one?"

People are wondering why a certain Mary S. about 15 keeps calling Bitzi Alex of the philosopher's flat. What about it, Frank? When Mahaffy asks "Dapper Dan" how he likes 'em, you'll always find his ready answer—"Short and Dark", our own little Nell—Plante's usual date was conspicuous by her presence with some other gigolo. Another "Peg" in the notch, Pete?—Another Gertie has hit Assumption, it seems. How about it, Herbie?—Let's all keep hoping that Sherwood's MERCURY keeps calling for the Rochester flashes.—Professor Archibald Francis Langan seems a little upset over a certain Annette girl. Can't you take it, Sister Mary Langan?—Suscinski would be shocked to find out that he is considered around 30 years old by many people. Could it be that intellectual aspect of the "Little Napoleon"?—Also take a good look at Alex's attempt at intellectualism via the glasses. "The better to see Joan with" he answers.—Straw vote held on the up and up gives Pearnree the edge over Barrett in movies. It was a hard fight, Pat, but you deserved the victory.—Frank Zinser is still strong with the other LaSalle contribution. Good luck, Frank.—Jim Koerber seems to be giving Alex competition with the 15 year olds.—That Lally fellow certainly doesn't dilly dally nowadays.—We wonder why Kumko doesn't sound his horn when he "wheels" across the dance floor.—Chuck Hathaway still remains elusive as far as all the girls are concerned. Careful, Spahn, you are finding competition in standoffishness.—Is Kuhn ever having "Pat" trouble with his heartbeat?—McClelland's sudden rise to fame has quieted down among the lassies, what's the matter Bob?—The Ouellette boys alone remain above reproach today. Good going, Gene and Dan!

Michigan and Ohio; that's bringing in a little response; but we must not rest content too easily. There must be an ALL-OUT effort to build up a good Arts enrollment this year. There are many elements against us on account of the present war; but there were never in the history of Assumption so many favourable signs—if we can capitalize on them."

"What can the present student body do about it? Can they help?" I asked eagerly.

"They can be—they have been—quite helpful. On the whole, they have shown good school spirit. If most of them dig in and pass these final examinations successfully, it will be a good ad for Assumption. If they go home and put in a good word for us; if they kindly make it their business to have a catalogue sent to interested parties; if they show the new "AMBASSADOR" to their pals; if they boost the RADIO SERIES, the premium on American money, the advantageous position of Assumption (near Detroit, yet not of it, etc.)—well, they'll increase the possibility of a good enrollment very many percent. . . . Assumption is happy to be a small college, but one can get too small for one's own good."

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The World's Greatest Book

May the eighteenth, nineteen forty-one, "Bible Sunday," will go down in the annals of Catholicism in North America as signalling the first appearance of the famous new revised version of the New Testament in English. The sermons delivered in nearly every Catholic pulpit in the land should achieve this happy result: an awakened interest on the part of millions of Catholics in the great Book of Books.

Great as the Bible is as literature—is there any greater?—it is primarily important for containing part of God's revelation to mankind. Though the Catholic Church antedates the New Testament, she has ever respected and recognized its importance. It was under her aegis and authority that the canon of Sacred Scripture was defined and guaranteed. She, it was, who has meticulously preserved it, with so many other good things for us, so that the short-memoried enemies who misinterpret the Scripture in their attacks on her, really, owe to her the very ammunition they use.

Catholics are urged to read the Bible; there are certain indulgences given for doing so. But they are conscious of what the apostle said of many parts of the Bible which "contain things hard to be understood which the unlearned and untaught wrest to their own destruction"; they cheerfully choose to submit at all times their own imperfect judgment in interpreting certain passages to the church: "the highest mind of man guided by God." In that sense, with G. K. Chesterton, they can say, as they avoid the irrational extremes of modernist and fundamentalist: "I do not believe what the Bible says, for the Bible *says* nothing. You cannot put a book in the witness stand and command it to talk".

The Latin Vulgate of the New Testament is substantially the same as at the time of St. Jerome and is substantially the same as the original. Versions in various languages, such as the Douay-Rheims, which we have known for so long, from time to time have to be revised. The changes in any living language as the decades and centuries float by alone would make new versions and translations necessary. The Catholic will be happy to accept whatever version ecclesiastical authority recommends to him as best; hence, he will welcome the new English version which has been declared as "clear, correct, and readable" as can be obtained today—"impressive, simple, dignified"—better for the majority in North America today than any other version.

OBITER DICTA

There has been considerable of what Msgr. Ronald Knox would call "thinkage" in the last few issues. Read "Battle of Life" and other articles on opposite page.

Let's hope there are more round-table discussions next year. What a treat to have students, priest, and lay-teachers coming to vital grips with the liveliest problems of our day!

Msgr. Sheen's series "Whence Come Wars?" has been drawing some interesting fan mail. Tell your parents and friends to stop at 800 on the dial at 7:45 p.m., E.S.T., on Mondays.

"River Rouge," P. 6, was accepted on its merits as a poem. If some of those who argued the case against the C.I.O. on the Pup Flat till the wee hours of more than one morning want to write a poem refuting "River Rouge," let 'em do so!

Registrar Registers Optimism

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"How are the prospects for the lecture league this coming year?"

"Entirely satisfactory," Father Murphy answered. "There are several secrets that aren't coming out for a while yet; but look for them. Many, many students want Eagle Plume back. Well, it is highly probable that he will come. Alfred Noyes is definitely coming on November 30. But, more of that anon!"

To bring the conversation into lighter channels, I asked if there would be as many signs, signed by the Registrar, in the future; that it seemed to me that in every nook and corner, there were signs advising something or other.

Father Murphy smiled. "Did you enjoy them?"

I assured him that more often than not I did.

He seemed pleased. "I have often been most amused, myself, at the multitude of signs; but there wasn't much way out of it. One cannot be calling a general meeting every time something has to be said; and Goodness knows how hard it is to get everyone there; but if enough signs are spread about, salt-and-peppered with a little humour, they seem to get read."

"Well, I said," "I'd better terminate this interview at once, as the "P & W" is waiting for it now."

"P & W"—"That reminds me of Maurice Leahy's first magazine," inserted Father Murphy. "I subscribed to it shortly after I was ordained; the first copy arrived right on time; then a copy would appear months later. The magazine bore on its cover this interesting caption, 'COMES OUT ACCORDING TO NUMBER, NOT DATE—AGREEING ON ETERNITY NOT TIME.' The editor did just about it all himself; so I had to be charitable and considerate. . . . I remember after writing to him three times, the last letter, addressed in red, not green or black, I received a charming reply . . . one could not help but chuckle to read, 'Your last letter in red made me feel that I was worthy of a sanguinary demise . . . fact is I have been overworked, overwrought, and all-overish.'"

"I'll be all-overish, if I do not get this interview in," I said.

"O.K.; that's all," said the Registrar. I left him poring over the examination schedule; or maybe he was praying for us. Who knows?

P.S.—Dear Father Murphy:

We get it. No doubt the P & W has been the most unpredictable rag on the face of the earth. But we like to keep our readers guessing. It's surprising what an interest can be created in this manner. Nobody, (not even the editor) knows from one moment to the next just when it will appear but like the bad penny it always turns up (or nearly always). Time and tide wait for no one but then you don't know the P & W. It is only by the grace of God and a little force, violence or coercion on the part of the Editor that it makes the printer at all. But we are indeed flattered to be mentioned in the same breath as Mr. Leahy. For that we thank you.

THE EDITOR

Battle of Life

All students of Assumption College have been taught and trained in natural theology and philosophy. Because of this such students have a greater duty and responsibility in life. It is their duty to live the life which they have been taught . . . practicing the fundamental truths of justice and charity. Their lives will be a continuous battle, not merely a battle that confronts all men in this world but a battle between good and evil. The ideas learned at school and the ideas of modern society will clash for it seems that the world has not yet learned the true concept of man. But the honest student will face the problem squarely. He will rise on all occasions to defend the principles that he has been taught. He must realize that although he is not alone in this fight, there are, nevertheless, great odds against him. But he must never flinch, never yield.

To-day when it becomes society to deny the existence of God, to overthrow tradition and disregard human values, an obligation is placed upon all our students to stand up and meet the challenge forcefully and to defend these truths intelligently. There must be no one in our midst guilty of dreaming all this as facile; that it is simple to put into practice what one has been taught; that it is easy to be honest; that we can without difficulty uphold justice; that we shall always remain charitable. To-day when people are absorbed in "practical" matters, in monetary matters, in personal gain, directing banks, working machinery, seeking jobs, they have little time to think about the ultimate ends of human life and destiny. They have little time for contemplation. A society such as this will offer little help and less encouragement to the student. A society such as this is unaware that divorce from God only binds their chains more tightly. They have time only to work in order to make money in order to eat in order to work in order to make more money. They have no time for God. They are nothing more than slaves. The flow of society along human tendencies is great but only very few who step into its path are saved.

It is our students who must be fully prepared to fight this battle. Are we equipped with firm convictions? Have we the courage to stand up and fight for these convictions at all times? Are we willing to sacrifice wealth, perhaps fame, for these convictions? Shall we begin to practice what has been taught us? These are the questions we must ask and, more important, must answer. There must never be a compromise with these truths for history has too often taught into what depths we can fall because of such a compromise. If the students are prepared then they can valiantly fight the battle which must be won. And at least one Jewish student is convinced that Assumption College, a Catholic college, is one institution on this continent which can adequately prepare its students for such a task.

BENJAMIN LAKER '41

The Present World Crisis

Canon Bernard Iddings Bell, making his second appearance on the Culture Series spoke on the present world crisis. "The present world crisis," stated the speaker, "with rare exceptions has demonstrated that men and women in time of emergency are still given to panic, senseless insularity, exaggerated patriotism and refusal to face either economic facts or moral judgement."

"The chief difficulty in living in times like these is that we feel a sense of amazed and paralyzing disillusionment. Almost all of us reared in the first four decades of this twentieth century were led to believe in a millennium fostered by science, spread abroad by education, and flowering in a magical device called democracy and now we face the bewildering fact that modern man is quite plainly engaged in nothing so truly as destroying himself, and that with speed and terrible efficiency.

Those of us who were ready listeners to the liberal message about man, his nature and destiny, came to have a trusting confidence that the human race, aided by invention and enlarged by learning, was sure to grow also in respect to virtue, beauty of life, fraternity and plan. Instead we now perceive that with rare exceptions men and women are still afraid to face fundamental moral issues, still intent to hide in secondary distractions, still seeking in times of what is unwisely called peace to lose themselves either in cheap vulgarity and meaningless noise, or else, if more discriminating, in pursuit of a culture too precious and a scholarship divorced from human problems.

No matter how difficult it may be to do so it is required and required at once, required even while war is being fought which threatens national enslavement, national extinction, that we Christians shall recover our sense of dazed confusion sufficiently to recognize that our liberal world has had stability only in our naive imagination. It is required that we see what bearing its only too apparent disintegration has upon moral judgment and religious thinking and upon the possible actions of Christians in the days just ahead of us."

The speaker foresaw as a result of the present war, social revolution forced by the pressure of debt on even the most unfeeling nations—certainly revolution by inflation and it may well be revolution also in blood.

Protestantism Today

Dr. Walter M. Horton, attached to the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin College in a very interesting lecture explained the present position of Protestantism.

"The present crisis of Protestantism," Dr. Horton said, "springs from the fact that, having done so much to unleash the forces that are moulding contemporary civilization, the Protestant churches now find themselves unable to control them. Every religious movement has a tendency after its great age of cultural creativity to fall upon an age of

Adventures of a Former Free-Thinker

Dr. Herbert E. Cory closed the 1940-41 Christian Culture Lecture Series speaking on "Adventures of a Former Free-thinker." The lecturer told of his intellectual beliefs and how, at last, after years of study he became a Catholic. Although dealing with serious subjects Dr. Cory interspersed his address with much humour.

The professor stated that he was born in New England of Puritan ancestry but added that by the time his parents came along the Puritanism had died out. They were Congregationalists. At first he felt a deep attachment to this religion but upon going to college he lost his belief after much reading of sceptical writings. He then became an agnostic or an "inquisitor," to quote his philosophy professor.

Then he went to Harvard where he read the history of the Middle Ages and discovered that that period was not the "dark ages." His interest then turned to the labour movement and he became associated with radicals after reading Karl Marx. During the first World War he went to Baltimore where he attended a number of large meetings sponsored by radicals, even going so far as to speak at some of them.

His swing from radicalism came when, one time on the platform he looked at his associates and wondered just how interested they were in social problems or was their interest solely one of financial gain. He came to the conclusion on examining his own motives that he was merely looking for a position on the radical band wagon. "To the devil with reforming society," Dr. Cory declared, "we haven't reformed ourselves."

He then continued his studies, still investigating philosophy, and finally came into the Catholic Church. He was attracted by the Church because he noticed that its doctrines had always been clear, consistent, and completely satisfying. It was his fear of the "power of the Pope" that had kept him aloof. He soon found out that his fears were groundless.

Dr. Cory declared that a belief in God was made seemingly difficult by the "problem of evil." The question was presented that if God were just He could not create evil and if He were almighty He would not permit evil. The lecturer proved that the answer to this lay in the fact that there is evil only because man has free will, given to him in order that he might love God, and it would be impossible to have anything without this free will.

The speaker also criticized modern education in the United States stating that, "Education in the States is sowing a veritable seedplot for totalitarianism," and held that education must contain religion if democracy is to be a success.

cultural secularism, when it is forced to beg for support from those very social agencies which it originally helped to create.

If Protestantism becomes a mere dependent
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River Rouge

(Occasioned by the Ford C.I.O. Strike which affected 125,000 workers in April, 1941.)

By no imaginary link
Could Ford pass as well-read;
And e'en the subtlest mental quirk
Can't justify the dread
He focussed on the C. I. O.
Which, like Rouge stream, 's not RED.

And Henry'll have to learn, though slow,
What most know right along:
That Motor Tyrants, just as kings,
Can't long ignore the throng,
Who justly question notions like—
"The King can do no wrong."

And History, once, by Ford, called "BUNK,"
May nourish vengeance dear,
Recording his naivete
Who once condemned good beer,
And niche him with "strange-feathered birds,"
And save for him no tear.

LUCAS CARNEY

Protestantism Today

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factor in modern industrial civilization it will die. But the example of the Catholic Reformation proves that death is not the only possible issue from such a crisis. Rebirth is also possible. Modern Protestantism is visibly dying but something else is trying to rise in its place. Whether this so-called new Protestantism will be Protestant or not only the future can tell.

A general characteristic of the so-called new Protestantism is the large exploration of the Christian tradition. The modern world is poor and needy, it is now realized; it cannot be rescued from its sins and wars by any religious movement that conforms to this world, as does Protestantism, but only by a faith sufficiently independent from contemporary foibles, sufficiently secure in its superhuman and supernatural foundations to serve as a fulcrum to move this wretched world off its rusty hinges.

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SPORTS

Varsity Club Members Initiated

New members of the Varsity Club were victims of a formal initiation, Monday night, May 5, to the great delight of the Faculty and students of College and High School. Herb Delaney presided and had Kumko reading German, Richardson and Himberg speaking, and Hathaway singing. Allen gave a milking exhibition with an old glove and McClelland wrestled himself. Highlights of the event were a scrimmage and a foot race where anything and everything went. Blocks, tackles, and paddles flew with reckless abandon to welcome the new boys into the Club. Davids and Reaume set up the program

Varsity Club Banquet

Tuesday night, May 6, the Assumption College Varsity Club set out in a body to celebrate the completion of a most successful year. The event took the form of a Banquet and the highlight of the evening came when Fr. Whelihan, Athletic Director and Master of Ceremonies, announced the Captains for next years' teams, and the newly elected officers of the Club. Celebrating with the members were four invited guests, Honorary President, Coach John Shada; Honorary Members, Fr. Whelihan and Dr. C. J. Hemond; and Mr. Frank Wansborough of the Windsor Star. The newly elected executives of the Club are: President, Jack Neinstedt; Vice-President, Sam Sasso; Secretary, Ed. Jacques; Treasurer, Gene Durocher. It is the desire of the Club to make the Banquet an annual affair.

Day Scholar Wins Ping Pong Tournament

Upsets featured the annual ping pong tournament with a day scholar, Pocock, winning the fray. Pocock, a virtual dark horse candidate defeated Barrett of the boarders in the play off games. Pocock defeated L. BeGole Boyer and Clifford to qualify while Barrett defeated Mahaffy, Adamcik, Cecile and McEwen to reach the finals. Correction: According to the year book, Clifford won. Due to the fact that it was necessary to write for the year book before the tournament was completed the nod was given to the last year's champion. Sorry, Mr. Pocock, we underestimated your ability. Our humble apologies and hearty congratulations are hereby extended to you.

Captains Chosen For Football Team

At the final meeting of the Varsity Club the members of the football team were called upon to select the Co-Captains for the coming year. This task was not an easy one as there were so many candidates quite capable of filling these positions.

First choice for Co-Captain went to "Sad" Sam Sasso, and rightly so. This year was Sam's third season with the Purple Squad and he has quite definitely proven himself capable of holding down the position of right guard. Very aggressive and daring, Sam frequently got in the opposing team's hair by breaking through and stopping them in their tracks by his deadly shoe string tackling. At times he showed himself the possessor of the second best if not the best football brains on the field. In choosing Sam, his team-mates have made a wise choice and we congratulate Sam and are looking forward to seeing him lead the Purple Raiders on to greater success than that achieved by the 1940 squad.

The second choice for Co-Captain fell to Ed. Jacques who came to Assumption from U. of D. and who during his two years here has left us nothing to be desired in the way of an all round backfield man. He can play any backfield position with the best of them and has proven himself a great ground-gainer by his terrific plunging and his broken field running. This plus the fact that he is equally strong defensively makes him an excellent choice for Co-Captain of the 1941 squad. We take this opportunity to congratulate Ed and wish him and his team-mates even greater success next year.

Freeman Selected As Outstanding

The task of selecting Co-Captains might have been a tough assignment, but for the choice of most valuable and outstanding player the recipient, Charles Freeman certainly merited this honour. Charlie or "Free" as he is popularly called, was an inspiration to his team-mates and at times was not only the left guard but at times seemed to be the whole team for he looked to be everywhere at the same time. Charlie is certainly the best guard Assumption has seen in many a season and it is a shame that he won't be in there next year as he is the kind of lineman that coaches dream of and seldom find. We take this opportunity to congratulate him on his selection as most valuable player and wish him every success in his duties as "Mayor of Eloise."

Durocher Elected Basketball Captain

The unanimous choice of Gene Durocher as Captain for the 41-42 season leaves nothing to be desired. Gene, especially this year, has shown himself to be quite capable of looking after things on the hardwood and given the right material will easily lead the Assumption squad to more than a City Championship. His playing kept the team in the running which led to their winning the City Championship. Last year and the early part of this season Gene was on the sidelines quite a bit and we often wonder why because once he got in there he really showed his mettle. Congratulations Gene and under your guidance may the Assumption Five achieve even greater success next year.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

The one selected as the most valuable player of this year's basketball team was none other than that little bundle of courage and stamina who hails from Toledo, Bitz Alex. Bitz in the two years he has been on the squad has shown that he is right at home on the court and we oftentimes think that it was a basketball he played with as a baby rather than a rattle. He has been the mainstay of the team and will undoubtedly be missed when he leaves Assumption. Bitz is equally as good on the gridiron and this year overcame a football injury to lead his team to a city Championship. Congratulations Bitz and our only wish is that life in the air force will be as thrilling as you made our basketball games.

Handball Tournament Won By U. of D.

Assumption College sent five men over to the University of Detroit to engage that school in a handball tournament. U. of D. edged out the fighting Purple team after five hard contests. In the singles, the winner of the Intramural Championship at Assumption, Ed Suscinski, was defeated by Ted Pavelec 18-21, 21-16, 18-21. McLean defeated Paul McCerlain 21-16, 21-14. McSweeney lost to Brice 15-21, 12-21. In the doubles, the Murphey-McLean combination lost to Banonis and Johnson 10-21, and 9-21, while Suscinski and Dean defeated Hayes and McLoughlin 21-16, and 21-18. Despite the defeat, the team looked very strong and a future series with Wayne University is planned.

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